

price evaluation, including price analysis, cost analysis, and principles for determining the allowability of costs; includes the purchase team in decision making relative to cost or pricing.

(f) Chapter 6—Contract Administration—identifies post-award roles and responsibilities of the purchase team; establishes policy to resolve contract issues by mutual agreement at the level of the manager and the contracting officer; supports and encourages the use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) to address conflicts with suppliers.

(g) Chapter 7—Bonds, Insurance, and Taxes—sets forth policies and procedures governing bonds and insurance under contracts, and discusses the applicability of Federal, State, and local taxes.

(h) Chapter 8—Patents and Data Rights—covers the acquisition of patents, copyrights, and other rights in data.

(i) Chapter 9—Labor Policies—contains procedures for contracting with minority-owned businesses, and policies carrying out the requirements of certain statutes, including the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the Davis-Bacon Act, and the Service Contract Act. It establishes Postal Service policy and preference regarding purchase of domestic-source products and services.

(j) Appendix A—Solicitations—prescribes the forms, format, and provisions to be used in preparing solicitations, and the establishment and maintenance of solicitation mailing lists. It contains all solicitation provisions prescribed in the Manual.

(k) Appendix B—Contract Clauses—prescribes certain clauses not prescribed elsewhere in the Manual and contains all clauses prescribed in the Manual.

(l) Appendix C—Forms and Formats—states that the forms and computer generated formats necessary to implement and supplement the manual are in the Procurement Handbook, the Facilities Design and Construction Handbook, the Mail Transportation Procurement Handbook, and other publications and directives referenced in the Manual or in these handbooks.

(m) Appendix D—Rules of Practice in Proceedings Relative to Debarment and Suspension from Contracting—contains a reprint of the rules of practice issued by the Judicial Officer as 39 CFR 957.

(n) Appendix E—Rules of Practice Before the Postal Service Board of Contract Appeals—contains a reprint of the rules of practice issued as 39 CFR 955.

(o) Appendix F—Purchasing Manual Index—is an alphabetical index of important words and terms used in the Manual.

**§ 601.104 Amendments to the Purchasing Manual.**

New issues of the Purchasing Manual will be incorporated by reference into this part and will be available at <http://www.usps.com/business>. The text of amendments to the Purchasing Manual will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and will be available at <http://www.usps.com/business>.

**PART 602—INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OTHER THAN PATENTS**

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602.1 General principles.

602.2 Office of Licensing, Philatelic and Retail Services Department.

602.3 Requests for use.

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**§ 602.1 General principles.**

It is the policy of the Postal Service to secure full ownership rights for its intellectual properties other than patents (hereinafter, intellectual properties) having significant economic or other business value, except when to do so would be contrary to the best interest of the Postal Service. Intellectual property rights shall be acquired and managed so as to:

(a) Promote the economic, operational, and competitive well-being of the Postal Service;

(b) Limit restrictions on the use of Postal Service intellectual property to a minimum consistent with its statutory obligations;

(c) Assure that all potential users are treated fairly;